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Please join us!

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Hispanic Worship at Noon



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JANUARY Birthdays

Mary Ann Holt	January	5
Gail Thompson		6
Kylene Yartey		8
Jeannette Boss		17
Jean Pippitt		17
Paul Brandt		25
Barb Foster		25
Reese Pelnar		27
Ed Foster		28



My heartfelt thank you to everyone who brought me gifts for Christmas. Just knowing you took the time, out of this busy season, to bring me a gift makes me feel very appreciated. I am truly blessed.

Jeanne

NOISY CANS

Every Sunday during the offering we collect donations for our Noisy Cans, which benefits local charities. For the month of December, we collected \$128 for the Time is Now to Help. January's collection will benefit Blessings in a Backpack. Thank you for your donations!

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Mission Statement

We strive to love God with open hearts, minds, and souls, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Vision Statement

The people of Delavan United Methodist Church are committed to deepening our understanding, living, and sharing of our faith by worshiping God and reaching out to members of the community, regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, gender or economic status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.

The people of the United Methodist Church

Live the Fruit of the Spirit

The UNITED METHODIST CHURCH consists of 458 congregations in Wisconsin and 12 million members worldwide. We are global, connectional, inclusive, Wesleyan, grounded in Scripture, concerned about social justice, mission-oriented, and ecumenical. For more information: www.wisconsinumc.org



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			



- The second Monday _____
- The last Monday __
- The 16th _____
- One day before the 20th __
- The day before the first Friday __
- The last weekday of the second week _____
- The day after the 20th __
- The day after 18th __
- The first day of the second weekend __
- The last Sunday __
- The last day of the month _____

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.



Thank you to our church members for the support of our mission to children through our Angel Tree Prison Program. We were able to sponsor 11 children, who received a gift on behalf of his/her parent who is in prison. Your donations were very much appreciated!

Barb Foster, Outreach Com.

Human Relations Day Sunday, January 14, 2024

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. We are called to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. On Sunday, January 14th we will be taking a special offering for Human Relations Day.



Please remember to pray for the following members and friends:

For healing and strength: Chris Anding, Zelbert Williams, Gene Gallup, Ann Scott, Anna (Armstrong) Streitzler, Pat Wierenga, Sue Neiger, David Rosario,

Steve Jones, Clare Brooks, and Alice Halverson.

For our military: Nicholas Bell.

January Worship Participants

Sunday, January 7

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown

Communion: Dick Martin and Anita Ryan

Lector: Don Edmunds

Greeter: Denise Bruneau

Coffee: Dorie Kosche

Pianist: Laurie Gianitsos

Sunday, January 14

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds

Lector: Chris Anding

Greeter: Joanne Howe

Coffee: Cindy Gallup

Sunday, January 21

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman

Lector: Cheryl Wolfe

Greeters: Judy Weyrough and Cheryl Wolfe

Coffee: Martha Behlman

Sunday, January 28

Ushers: Dale Thompson & Friends

Lector: Jesse Guzman

Greeters: Cathy & Lindsey Duesterbeck

Coffee: (volunteer needed!)



Thanks to everyone who donated poinsettias for our sanctuary at Christmas - they were beautiful!

Cheryl Davis in memory of Les & Joyce Davis, Russ Campbell, Matthew Madowski, and Chris Lewis.

Van & Pat Brown in memory of their son, Van Brown, Jr.

John & Martha Behlman in memory of Don & Alice Behlman.

Joyce Francis in memory of John H. Francis.

Anita Ryan in memory of Howard L. Ryan

Anonymous in honor of Joyce Francis.

Chris Anding in memory of Gordon & Angie Zoerb.

Vernola Anderson in memory of Ron Anderson.

Tammy & Jeff Demet in memory of their parents: Joyce & Les Davis and Frank & Sandy Demet.

Joe & Phyllis Almburg in memory of their sons, Joe Jr. and Mark Almburg.

Ellie Lee in memory of Lois Lee.

Susie Pegel in honor of peace on earth.

Dick Martin in memory of Pat Martin & Dave Behrens.

Don & Jean Hummel in memory of Charles & Mary Paddock, and Raymond & Mary Hummel.

Joan Jones in memory of Franklin Jones.

Jean Pippitt in honor of her Methodist friends.

Carry out a random act of kindness... with no expectation of a reward.

Princess Diana



A thank you and thoughts through the years from a church member:

I am very appreciative to all of our members who have given so faithfully of their gifts and talents to keep the mission of our church going through the years.

I am thankful for all of our members who have worked together to minister to the people in need in our community, in our country, and in our world.

Thank you also for the many cards you sent to me for my 95th birthday in December. It means so much to always have the love and support from my church family.

Blessings to All of You,
Joy Nelson



The Outreach Committee sponsors the Sunshine Fund, which is a fund set up for congregational support – illness, hospitalization, funerals, etc. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make your check payable to DUMC with the notation "Sunshine Fund." Thank you for your donations!



In *The Parable of the Talents* (Matthew 25: 14-23), Jesus reports that the master commends the servant for his wise investment saying, "His

master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (NIV)

Your food pantry has done well with the investment that you and all of our supporters with the investment of food and finances with which you have entrusted it. Reviewing the month of December 2023, here are the number of individuals and families that the pantry helped:

- Total individuals helped in December: 224
 - 108 who came once in December
 - 116 who came more than once
- Total families helped in December: 78
 - 39 who came once in December
 - 39 who came more than once
- 17 new families came in December.

Your pantry was open 51 Wednesdays in 2023 and closed one Wednesday in February because of treacherous weather. In those 51 weeks, the pantry helped feed 2,714 individuals. Those individuals came in various forms. Some were retired, trying to get by on Social Security, some were in a blended family of 8 created by illness and deaths, and some were households that were pooling their resources to make their limited income go farther.

In December 2023, we were able to provide 34 complete ham dinners to our families for Christmas. The last 2 hams went to families who had just lost their jobs because their employers closed business in our area.

It was your love, compassion, and commitment that improved the well-being of all these persons by putting the love of Christ into action among those in need in our community. (con't on pg. 5)

We have invested in the greatest resource in our community: its people. We have ensured improved health through better and more adequate nutrition. We have helped children focus on their lessons in school rather than on the hunger in their bellies. We (you and the pantry volunteers) each week have provided a welcoming and non-judgmental love in action and acceptance of those who have food needs. *We have been faithful with a few things*, and we trust that God will continue to enable us in the good we are doing in God's name.

We look forward to 2024 and the opportunity to continue our ministry to those with food needs in our community. We are grateful for our volunteers who faithfully shop, sort, and stock the food we provide to our families. While we are open each Wednesday from 9-noon, there are many hours of preparation and planning each week that are necessary for each Wednesday operation to flow smoothly. We, as a team of volunteers and supporters, are invited to share our Master's happiness as we live out his love and compassion. Thank you and God bless you.

The following is our January list of most needed items in our pantry. We welcome your donation any time and especially on [Red Wagon Sunday, January 28th](#).

- Ketchup
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Elbow Macaroni
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Salt/Pepper
- Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
- Sloppy Joe Sauce
- Chicken Noodle/Tomato/Mushroom Soup
- Pork & Beans
- Sugar
- Refried Beans

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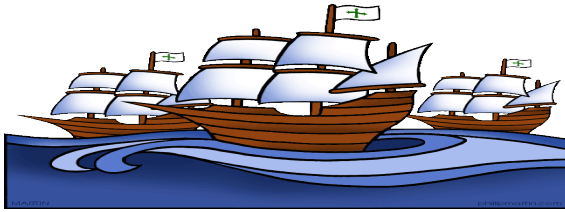
Winter is a good time to start the 2024 United Women in Faith Reading Program which encourages mission, spiritual growth and social action for women, youth & children through the life stories of those writing the books. Copies of the Reading Program for 2023, 2024 and 2021-22 are on the UW Faith Library Cart in the Fellowship Hall. Previous reading programs may be found under Resources at our website: uwfaith.org. You may read books from the last 5 years, starting with the 2018 program year to now. There are 5 categories to read from: Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Leadership Development, Education for Mission and Nurturing for Community.

A new virtual page at: bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith is available to purchase most of the 2024 books. Books are on the cart, most are available through your local library and many are available online. New books available on the cart are: Braiding Sweetgrass, Spiritual Growth 2024 and The Book Woman from Troublesome Creek, Education for Mission 2023. The goal is to read a book from each category to receive an award for Plan I. Bonus books are available and count for 2 books if used for a discussion. Alternate options include watching listed mission movies, listening to Voices from the Field and Faith Talks on uwfaith.org or online live by registration through the website with the national office. Each of these counts for 1 book. A program form is available on the cart to fill out for all books read. It may be handed into the church office or UWF mail slot by Sept. 1 to receive credit for books read/movies and videos watched. All plans include regular reading of the Response magazine. A full description of the program is available in the Nov-Dec 23' Response magazine and a reprint will be on the cart. National virtual discussions of books are available quarterly with Emily Jones, Reading Coordinator by registration and with Gail Burgess, SE District Program Resources. Her schedule is available upon request to Hb53104@aol.com.

Reading Program Plans available: Plan I: Read 5 books, 1 from each category each year; Plan II: Read 10 books, 2 from each category each year; Plan III: Read 15 books, 2 from each category and 5 from any category each year; Plan IV: Read 20 books, 2 from each category and 10 from any category each year.

The next meeting of the Delavan UWF will be Thursday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the church Library. The program will be the Mission study on the Lord's Prayer. Look for some new things to learn. Please let us know if you would like to join or have any questions.

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Two Ships

The year like a ship in the distance
comes over life's mystical sea.
We know not what change of existence
'tis bringing to you or to me.
But we wave out the ship that is leaving
and we welcome the ship coming in,
although it be loaded with grieving,
with trouble, or losses, or sin....

The new ship comes nearer and nearer,
we know not what freight she may hold.
Hope stands at the helm there to steer her;
our hearts are courageous and bold.
Sail in with new joys and new sorrows.
Sail in with new banners unfurled.
Sail in with unwritten tomorrows.
Sail in with new tasks for the world.

—from "New Year,"
Ella Wheeler Wilcox



Pastor Angel's Page Focusing on One Thing!

"No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." (Philippians 3: 13)

Finally, we can rest from all the craziness of Christmas shopping, reunion, celebration and all that stuff. December is a month that brings joy to all people and a lot of stress as well (all worth it). Lots of things happened in 2023 and now that we are entering a new year, what we need to do is to focus on what's ahead. How do we do that? We do it by meditating on this word from Paul to Philippians 3: 13.

Entering a new year means we have new opportunities to reach, new goals to meet and new ways to do things. When Paul said, "but I focus on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." He wasn't talking about not remembering what happened in the past, but instead, to pay attention to what is most important. Life continues; time doesn't stop, therefore we must move on to what is ahead of us.

Since the beginning of the creation, there have been difficult times and there have been times of celebration and joy. 2023 has already passed; what we need to do now is to focus on what God has in store for us in this New Year 2024. I always believe in this principal: "yesterday has passed, there is nothing I can do about it, tomorrow is not here yet, therefore I can only focus on today."

My prayer is that the year 2024 be a year of growth; spiritual and financial growth, that God open up the heavens and pour down a blessing over you and your family, over your children and their children. May the year 2024 be an unforgettable one; with much more joy, peace, love and hope.

Pastor Angel Rosario



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Homeless Shelter Mon-Sun. 5:30 pm-9:30 am South Entrance (basement)	Happy 2024!	5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	9-12 Food Pantry 7:30 pm AA (CR)		9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	10 am – 1 pm AA (K, FH)
9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	11 am Bible Study (FH)	5 pm TOPS (FH) 6 pm Shelter Board (L) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	9-12 Food Pantry 1:30 pm Delavan Serv. League (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)		9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	
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FH = Fellowship Hall; L = Library; K = Kitchen; S = Sanctuary; HBP = Hispanic Band Practice
 AA = Alcoholics Anon.; OA = Overeaters Anon.; TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly